

current position at the Camelot Care Center in Palatine, IL, she continues to assist students who have enrolled to get the special attention they need. Ms. Cochran's kindness and commitment are commendable.

As an educator with an undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's degree in special education, Ms. Cochran is well-equipped to serve as a teacher and administrator. But it is her genuine kindness, sincerity, and devotion to her students that make her the remarkable educator she has proven to be throughout the past 28 years.

Ms. Cochran is an example of professional dedication for all teachers in the state of Illinois and the nation. I congratulate her on her years of educational achievement, and wish her the best of luck in the years to come.●

HONORABLE ULYSSES WHITTAKER BOYKIN INVESTITURE

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Honorable Ulysses Whittaker Boykin on his appointment as a new judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan. On Friday, June 18 he will be invested and begin his official duties.

Judge Boykin is very deserving of this appointment. Throughout his career, he has maintained the strongest of commitments to the highest legal standards. From his early days as an associate attorney in some of Michigan's finest law firms to his most recent position as a Partner and Shareholder in the firm of Lewis, White & Clay, Judge Boykin has always distinguished himself and received recognition by his peers for his excellent knowledge of the law and his legal ability.

Additionally, Judge Boykin is very involved with his community. From his role with the Detroit Civil Service Commission to his work in mentoring high school and college students, his involvement in these activities and so many more have well prepared him for this appointment.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Judge Boykin to the bench. His reputation as being fair-minded precedes him, and I am confident the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court and the State of Michigan will benefit from his tenure.●

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP SIMMONS

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, today it is my great privilege and honor to salute one of my home state's legendary craftsmen, Philip Simmons, on his 87th birthday. Mr. Simmons retired in 1990 after more than 60 years as a master blacksmith in Charleston, SC. Despite his retirement, Mr. Simmons takes great pride in checking in on his shop each day, saying hello to the many workers he trained, some of them for more than 30 years, as they carry on the craft.

Philip Simmons' renowned ironwork is on display throughout South Caro-

lina, including the symbolic gates to the city outside the Meeting Street Visitors Center in Charleston, at the S.C. State Museum in Columbia, and he has been inducted into the S.C. Hall of Fame in Myrtle Beach. I am also proud to say that Mr. Simmons work can be viewed here in our nation's capitol at the Smithsonian Museum.

The dedication, love and pride in craftsmanship displayed by Philip Simmons and passed on to his apprentices is to be saluted. Mr. Simmons is an appropriately admired member of the South Carolina family and I join his relatives, friends and admirers in wishing him a happy birthday and health and happiness in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO THE CABOT CREAMERY COOPERATIVE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I am pleased that this weekend I will be helping to celebrate the eightieth anniversary of Vermont's farmer owned Cabot Creamery Cooperative.

The Cabot Creamery Cooperative was founded in 1919 by 94 farmers, who came together with a vision of a better way to operate a dairy. The original farmers each pledged \$5 per cow and a cord of firewood to fire the boiler. The total investment was \$3,700. Today, over 1,600 farm families from all of the New England States and upstate New York belong to the cooperative. The creamery and the Cabot brand name are internationally known, having been named "World's Best Cheddar" in 1997 and "Best Cheddar in the USA" in 1998. Their outstanding products can be found in stores across the country.

The cooperative is a shining example of farmers working together for a common good. Together they control their own financial destiny by owning a brand name, the facilities to produce a high quality product and a cooperative to supply the needed milk. Their way of doing business continues to secure a sound future for their family farms and the unique rural way of life of their communities. Just as the original 94 farmers were visionary in the early part of the century, 80 years later their cooperative has taken the leading role in working for the Northeast Dairy Compact, ensuring a bright future for the dairy industry in the Northeast.

During its history, the profits, size and scope of Cabot Creamery Cooperative may have grown, but its small town values and sense of community have continued to dictate the way it does business. These values have kept the original purpose and intent of the cooperative intact over the years and have allowed it to remain a locally owned creamery.

For all of these reasons, I couldn't think of a more appropriate way to celebrate Cabot's eightieth anniversary than through the upcoming "Cabot Creamery Heritage Festival," in conjunction with the Vermont Heritage

Weekend. I am delighted that the Vermont Historical Society, along with thirty-six community historical societies, will be helping Cabot celebrate by showcasing Vermont's community treasures. These communities will provide examples of the best of Vermont's history, traditions and scenery, ranging from granite artisans, Morgan horses, agricultural exhibits, small town museums, covered bridges, and the beautiful Green Mountains.

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Cabot Creamery Cooperative on its eightieth anniversary and commend it for its positive influence on the past, present, and future of Vermont.●

TRIBUTE TO KELO-TV, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR ITS OUTSTANDING RESPONSE TO THE SPENCER TORNADO

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to KELO television in Sioux Falls, which has earned the "Friend in Need" Service to America Award from The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). The station is being recognized for its outstanding efforts before, during, and after the devastating tornado which struck the town of Spencer, South Dakota last spring.

As weather conditions deteriorated on May 30, 1998, KELO provided quick, expert warnings to the Spencer area, giving viewers 20 minutes of advance warning. While we lost six citizens in the tornado, the losses could have been much worse if not for the advance warning that gave the community the critical time needed to take cover. KELO provided continual coverage throughout the night of the storm, without regard to the advertising revenues that would surely be lost.

KELO did not stop there. After the tornado ripped through Spencer, KELO documented the widespread destruction of homes, businesses, and infrastructure. The community desperately needed help, and KELO turned their cameras on themselves to host a telethon which raised more than \$750,000 to assist victims as they struggled to rebuild their homes and lives. During the rebuilding efforts, KELO continued extended coverage that helped bring closure to the tragedy.

Our broadcast stations provide many important community services, but none as important as tracking severe weather and providing warnings. KELO has proven it is a true community partner, and South Dakota will be forever grateful to KELO and our other broadcasters who often put themselves in harm's way to serve others. I congratulate KELO on this very special recognition from the National Association of Broadcasters and extend my personal thanks for a job well done.●

KANSAS RECIPIENTS OF THE 1999 SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

• Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, it gives me extreme pleasure to have the honor of recognizing the Kansas recipients of the Scholastic Art & Writing Award. These nineteen students have excelled in the use of visual arts and the written word. This year's recipients are Matt Anderson, Ebony Blackmon, Matthew Calcara, Martha Clifford, Lisa Coogias, Audrey Dennis, Josephine Herr, Amy Kleinschmidt, Paris Levin, Angela Mai, Curtis Mourn, Nathan Novack, Cody Palmer, Hank Peltzer, Joanna Spaulding, Matthew Stewart, Adriene Swisher, Andrew Tanner, Sarah Wertzberger.

To earn a Scholastic Art & Writing Award, these 19 students were chosen out of 250,000 applicants from across the United States, Canada, U.S. Territories, and U.S. sponsored schools abroad. Their talent illustrates some of the best work in student art and writing. These students should be commended, as should all those responsible for inspiring them and fostering their success.

I congratulate all of the students on their success. As outstanding representatives of Kansas, their work well represents the youth of our State.

Again, congratulations on your outstanding work and I wish you the best in all of your future endeavors.●

NORWICH NATIVE SON, DR. WILLIAM R. WILSON JR.

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, few touch the lives of others in so personal a manner as doctors, and this relationship takes on an even more special meaning when the patients are children. Dr. William Wilson Jr. has worked to ensure that young children with severe heart ailments receive the very finest medical care available. He has been instrumental in advancing many of the recent breakthroughs in heart surgery, and it gives me great pleasure to recognize the achievements of this remarkable man as he is awarded the 1999 Norwich Native Son award for his work within the medical profession.

The Norwich Native Son award is presented to that native of Norwich, Connecticut who has made significant contributions to his or her field outside of the state of Connecticut. As a pediatric cardiovascular surgeon in Missouri, Dr. Wilson has established himself as a leader within the medical profession and continues to enlighten the field with his knowledge and expertise. His innovative procedures are used throughout the country to educate new generations of doctors helping to ensure that this country remains a leader in medical advances.

Born, raised, and educated in Norwich, Dr. Wilson ventured beyond Connecticut's borders to earn his bachelor's degree in biology from Kenyon

College. He soon returned to the state to attend the University of Connecticut where he received his doctorate in anatomy and cell biology and, eventually, his medical degree in 1983.

Currently making his home in Missouri, he is the Chief of Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery at the Children's Hospital, University Hospital and Clinics in Columbia. It is at the University Hospital and Clinics that Dr. Wilson has changed hundreds of children's lives. Dr. Wilson performs delicate procedures on infants and young children with severe heart defects giving countless children an opportunity for healthy normal lives.

Dr. Wilson began performing his advanced heart procedures while serving as the Chief of the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Division of the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo. Dr. Wilson's breakthrough techniques helped to transform the Medical College of Ohio into the regional leader in performing these surgeries. He has also expanded his work to include heart transplantation, and to date, he has performed this procedure on over 125 adults and children.

Dr. Wilson has also distinguished himself internationally through several outreach programs. Twice he has organized mobile surgical teams and traveled to countries where these vital procedures are unavailable to those in need.

In 1996, Dr. Wilson journeyed to Peru where he performed surgery on 15 local children. He most recently led a medical mission to the children's hospital in Tbilisi in the Republic of Georgia, where he operated on 11 children. Moreover, he has brought children from other countries to medical facilities in the United States to undergo surgery in modern hospitals. His humanitarian efforts have helped shed light on the over one million children worldwide who suffer from heart ailments and on the desperate need for these procedures in other countries.

Mr. President, I take special pride, along with the Wilson family, in recognizing the wonderful accomplishments of Dr. William Wilson. While he may no longer live in Norwich, he has never forgotten the lessons learned from this close-knit community. Dr. William Wilson is being honored for his noble efforts within the medical field by friends and neighbors who fondly remember the spirited young boy who grew up in Norwich and who are so proud of the caring healer he has become. I wish him much success as he continues to leave his mark on the medical community, and I congratulate him for being honored with this most deserved award.●

TRIBUTE TO CHAPLAIN (MG) DONALD W. SHEA

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize and say farewell to an outstanding military officer, Chaplain Donald W.

Shea, upon his retirement from the Army after more than 33 years of dedicated service. Throughout his career, Chaplain Shea has served with distinction, and it is my privilege to recognize his many accomplishments and to commend him for the superb service he has provided the United States Army and our nation.

Chaplain Shea's retirement on 30 June 1999 will bring to a close over three decades of dedicated service to the United States Army. Born and raised in Butte, Montana, Chaplain Shea attended Carroll College in Helena, Montana and graduated from The Saint Paul Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1962 for the Diocese of Helena and commissioned as a U.S. Army chaplain and entered active duty in August 1966.

During his career Chaplain Shea has contributed to every available facet of religious ministry in our armed forces. Entering active duty during a very difficult period for our military and Nation, he provided the leadership and ministering that was invaluable to our forces in the Vietnam conflict. Following this conflict, during which he distinguished himself to seniors and peers alike, Chaplain Shea went on to serve in a variety of positions through his career. He was nominated on May 20, 1994 by President Clinton for promotion to Major General and following his Senate confirmation was appointed Chief of Army Chaplains on September 1, 1994.

As Chief of Chaplains he held the Army staff responsible for the religious, moral, and spiritual welfare for the total Army. He focused and advised the Army leadership in dealing with and resolving a number of difficult issues facing today's force. Of note was his establishment of a Chaplain Recruiting Program within the US Army Recruiting Command to aggressively recruit the best-qualified candidates from all denominations, the successful relocation of the Army Chaplain Center and School from Fort Monmouth, NJ to Fort Jackson, SC and as President of the Armed Forces Chaplain Board, he shaped joint methodologies by which Service Chiefs of Chaplain and their staffs approached common issues.

Chaplain Shea has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with "V" device and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal with six Campaign Stars, Vietnam Civil Actions Medal (First Class), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Medal (with "3" device), Senior Parachute Badge, Special Forces Tab, Bundeswehr Parachute Badge, and the Vietnamese Parachute Badge.